First, the Examiner is thanked for the withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement. Additionally, the Examiner is thanked for the allowance of Claims 1-26 pending in this Application.

The Examiner had a minor objection to Claim 3, and as the Examiner will note by reference to the Claim Amendments made above, Claim 3 has been amended to address an issue raised by the Examiner. It is believed that Claim 3 is now free of any informality.

The Examiner also observed Figures 5, 10 and 11 should be designated by a legend such as "prior art". As the Examiner will note by reference to the new drawings submitted herewith, the requested legends have been added to those Figures.

It is believed with the entry as submitted that this Application is now in condition for formal allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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## **Drawing Amendment**

Please amend Figures 5, 10 and 11 by replacing the similarly numbered drawing figures with the new drawing sheet enclosed herewith. These figures have been amended to include the legend "Prior Art", as requested by the Examiner